

challenge of providing long-term health care head on and has become a trusted adviser to long-term care providers and patients throughout Vermont.

Today, at the Helen Porter Nursing Home in Middlebury, VT, Carolyn Harris is being honored by the VHCA and the AHCA for her service to all long-term care recipients and Vermonters. Ms. Harris is a valuable member of the long-term health care community, and I am proud to be able to honor her before the Senate.●

#### TRIBUTE TO PAULA YEAGER

●Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the memory of Paula Yeager, a distinguished Hoosier and executive director of the Indiana Wildlife Federation, who passed away yesterday following a 7-year battle with cancer. Over the years, I have valued Paula counsel and advocacy on behalf of conservation in Indiana.

After studying business at the University of Nebraska, Paula began a career as a travel agent. Eventually, this career brought her into close contact with John Denver, a singer who shared Paula's respect for the importance of nature and dedication to wildlife conservation. The two became close friends and their friendship inspired Paula to use her remarkable talents to make a difference in conservation.

This dedication led Paula to pursue an opportunity as executive director of the Indiana Wildlife Federation. In that role, she reinvigorated the organization as she worked with like-minded groups to advance initiatives and become effectively engaged in the political process at both the State and Federal level.

Paula's efforts have been recognized across Indiana. She has twice been recognized with the President Award from the Indiana Wildlife Federation and was named Conservationist of the Year in 2001 by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

While I know that this is a difficult time for Paula's family and many friends, my thoughts are with her husband John and their two children Stephanie and Corey as they remember her life of leadership.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered to Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2490. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 West Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the "Mayor Joseph S. Daddona Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3339. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2061 South Park Avenue in Buffalo, New York, as the "James T. Molloy Post Office Building".

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 1:58 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1751. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1894. An act to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for the making of foster care maintenance payments to private for-profit agencies.

At 5:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1953. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco, otherwise known as the "Granite Lady", and for other purposes.

H.R. 3665. An act to provide adaptive housing assistance to disabled veterans residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member, to make certain improvements in veterans employment assistance programs, and for other purposes.

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 7:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3057. An act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

Under authority of the order of the Senate of November 10, 2005, the enrolled bill was signed subsequently on today, November 10, 2006, by the Majority Leader (Mr. FRIST).

##### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1751. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1953. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Old Mint at San Francisco, otherwise known as the "Granite Lady", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3665. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide adaptive housing assistance to disabled veterans residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member and to make direct housing loans to Native American veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4604. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Exclusion of Vendor Purchases Made Under the Competitive Acquisition Program for Outpatient Drugs and Biologicals Under Part B for the Purpose of Calculating the Average Sales Price" (RIN0938-AN58) received on November 4, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4605. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; E-Prescribing and the Prescription Drug Program" (RIN0938-AN49) received on November 4, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4606. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update for Calendar Year 2006" (RIN0938-AN44) received on November 4, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4607. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Calendar Year 2006 Payment Rates" (RIN0938-AN46) received on November 4, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4608. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Revisions to Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule for Calendar Year 2006 and Certain Provisions Related to the Competitive Acquisition Program of Outpatient Drugs and Biologicals Under Part B" (RIN0938-AN84 and RIN0938-AN58) received on November 4, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4609. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review and Report on Current Standards of

Practice for Pharmacy Services Provided to Patients in Nursing Facilities"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4610. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Sunset Date of Section 1441 Voluntary Compliance Program under Rev. Proc. 2004-59" (Rev. Proc. 2005-71) received on November 4, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4611. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, the report of a draft bill relative to amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make certain rules regarding sales of property to comply with conflict-of-interest requirements applicable to the federal judiciary, and for other purposes, received on November 7, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4612. A communication from the Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Special (Occupational) Tax" (RIN1513-AB04) received on November 7, 2005; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4613. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of nomination confirmations for the following Presidentially-appointed Senate-confirmed positions within the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity; Assistant Secretary for Administration; Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research; and General Counsel, received on November, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4614. A communication from the Chairman and President (Acting), Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Qatar (Qatar Liquefied Gas Company Limited); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4615. A communication from the Chairman and President (Acting), Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Mexico (credit guarantee facility); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4616. A communication from the Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Project-Based Voucher Program" ((RIN2577-AC25)(FR-4636-F-02)) received on November 7, 2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4617. A communication from the Executive Director, United States Access Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report under the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4618. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 05-260-05-276); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4619. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D. No. 092805A) received on November 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4620. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D. No. 100605B) received on November 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4621. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Western Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D. No. 100605C) received on November 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4622. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D. No. 100705A) received on November 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4623. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. No. 092805E) received on November 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4624. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" (I.D. No. 100705B) received on November 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4625. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (I.D. No. 100405D) received on November 7, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4626. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Fiscal Year 2002 and 2003 Annual Reports on the Child Support Enforcement Program; to the Committee on Finance.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. COCHRAN, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2006" (Rept. No. 109-176).

By Mr. CRAIG, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1182. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-177).

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. CHAFEE):

S. 1989. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 Rolfe Square in Cranston, Rhode Island, shall be known and designated as the "Holly A. Charette Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 1990. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 1991. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a financial assistance program to facilitate the provision of supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1992. A bill for the relief of Marcos Antonio Sanchez-Diaz; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KERRY:

S. 1993. A bill to provide for a comprehensive, new strategy for success in Iraq that includes a sustainable political solution and the redeployment of United States forces tied to specific political and military benchmarks; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1994. A bill to require that an increasing percentage of new automobiles be dual fueled automobiles, to revise the method for calculating corporate average fuel economy for such vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 1995. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KOHL:

S. 1996. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to temporarily prohibit the exportation of a finished petroleum product or liquefied petroleum gas from the United States if the Secretary determines that the supply of the product or gas in any Petroleum Allocation Defense District has fallen or will fall below expected demand; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. REED):